(b) if so, whether locations have been selected for these training centres; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). The Government has decided to have five Zonal Training Institutes for Kendriya Vidyalayas at the following locations.

(i) Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh)
(ii) Sirsa (Haryana)
(iii) Karad (Maharashtra)
(iv) Madurai (Tamil Nadu)
(v) Bolangir (Orissa)

[English]

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Leh

1497. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) when the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Leh was established;

(b) when the possession of land for construction of Vidyalaya buildings including Hostel was taken up and when the construction of the buildings is likely to completed;

(c) whether a number of posts of teachers and other staff are lying vacant as on date; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) The Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Leh was sanctioned in 1986-87.

(b) The land for construction of building of Jawahar Navodya Vidyalaya (JNV), Leh was allotted to the Samiti on 24.11.1988. The construction of vidyalaya buildings, including dormitories and staff quarters, was sanctioned on 10.2.94. The Construction of Vidyalaya buildings usually take 4-5 years to complete.

(c) and (d). Some posts of Teachers and other Staff are presently lying vacant in JNV., Leh. Due to difficult climatic conditions and inadequate infrastructure facilities available in the vidyalaya some staff members posted to JNV, Leh are reluctant to join.

Anti Smoking Campaign

1498. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether according to a recent survey conducted by Heart Care Foundation of India about 59% of males in the country are smokers and 51% chewed tobacco;

(b) whether anti-smoking campaign and other steps taken by the Government to check smoking have proved inadequate; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the increase in cigarette and tobacco consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Several administrative measures for checking use of tobacco and promotion of anti-smoking campaigns have been carried out by the Government. However, no scientific data is available to assess the adequacy of such measures.

Strike in Hospitals

1499. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI :
SHRI G. VENKATESWAMY :
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :
SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL :
SHRI PITAMBAR PAWAN :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the provisions of the Essential Services Maintenance Act have been imposed in respect of doctors of all Government hospitals in the capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether medical services in the capital were completely paralysed on November 8, 1996 when employees; doctors and nurses in various hospitals went on strike;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether any final agreement has been reached between the department and striking doctors and nurses;

(f) whether Government have constituted a high powered committee to look into the problems of all centrally run hospitals;

(g) if so, the details thereof;

(h) the number of times various services in AIIMS and other Government hospitals in Delhi have been paralysed since 1995;

(i) whether Government plan to bring any act/ legislation which will ensure that such institutions are not paralysed by strikes; and

(j) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). The provisions of the Haryana